

2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

The Columbia Basin Conference lost a member when Irrigon was shifted up to Class 3A for the 2016 season. The top two teams will earn automatic playoff berths while the remaining teams will have to hope for one of four available at-large berths that will be awarded based on OSAA ranking.

Projected finish

- Stanfield Tigers
- Heppner Mustangs
- Weston-McEwen TigerScots
- Culver Bulldogs
- Pilot Rock Rockets

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

Players to watch

Logan Grieb, Heppner (SR)

Wide receiver/Safety (6-foot-0, 165 lbs)



Grieb was a First Team All-State receiver but is an allaround threat that finished the season with 1,159 all-purpose yards and 20 total touchdowns.

Dylan Grogan, Stanfield (SR)

Quarterback/Linebacker (6-foot-3, 185 lbs)



Grogan was Second Team All-State on defense and First Team All-CBC on offense. He finished with 1,019 passing yards, 1,332 rushing yards and 40 total touchdowns.

Thyler Monkus, Stanfield (SR)

Running back/Linebacker (5-foot-7, 160 lbs)



Monkus made the Second Team All-State offense and defense as a junior. He totaled 1,917 rushing yards with 24 touchdowns and added 448 receiving yards.

Ethan Reger, Weston-McEwen (SR)

Running back/Safety (5-foot-1, 170 lbs)



Reger was First Team All-CBC selection who averaged 9.5 yards per carry for 686 total and four touchdowns. He added 151 receiving yards with two TDs.

2015 Final Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Heppner*	5-0	13-0
Stanfield*	4-1	10-2
Weston-McEwen*	3-2	6-4
Irrigon*	2-3	6-4
Culver	1-4	3-6
Pilot Rock	0-5	0-8

*-Made playoffs

Head coach: Greg Grant, 27th year
Assistant coaches: Les Payne (defensive coordinator), 39th year; Kevin Payne, 9th year; Jeremy Rosenbalm, 7th year.

Returning lettermen: 27
Returning All-CBC: Logan Grieb, RB/QB/DB, sr.; Kevin Murray, OL/LB, sr.; Tim Jaca, OL/DL, sr.; Kolby Currin, RB/LB, sr.; Wyatt Steagall, OL/DL, jr.
Other returning starters: Caden Hedman, WR/DB, sr.; Jake Lindsay, WR/DB, sr.

Other seniors: Kaden Corbin, RB/DB
On offense: Adaptation to personnel and multiple fronts are staples of Heppner's offense, which ran about three times as much as it passed in 2015.

On defense: Adaptability is also the theme on defense, and the Mustangs will use several formations based on opponent. In 2015 the Mustangs allowed just 9.5 points a game on average with three shutouts (including a 48-0 win over Kennedy in the state championship) and finished with 41 takeaways and 22 sacks.

Grant's key to the season: "Development of players' understanding of the system, understanding technique, exhibiting leadership and putting forth GREAT effort."



Heppner head coach Greg Grant teaches defensive technique to several Mustang players at a practice on Monday, Aug. 22 in Heppner.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

2015 results

Week 1	at Imbler	W 42-8
Week 2	at Grant Union	W 48-16
Week 3	vs Enterprise	W 48-16
Week 4	vs Tri-Cities Prep	W 59-13
Week 5	at Pilot Rock*	W 52-19
Week 6	vs Culver*	W 56-0
Week 7	at Stanfield*	W 60-6
Week 8	vs Irrigon*	W 61-14
Week 9	at WMHS*	W 20-0
1st Rnd	vs Monroe	W 55-14
2nd Rnd	vs Reedsport	W 52-14
Semifinals	vs Regis	W 26-3
Final	vs Kennedy	W 48-0

2016 Schedule

Sept. 2	at St. Paul	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs Grant Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Cascade (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Imbler	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Weston-McEwen*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs Pilot Rock*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Culver*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs Stanfield*	7 p.m.

*-League game

Stanfield Tigers

Head coach: Davie Salas, 2nd year (5th overall)

Assistant coaches: Travis Reeser (co-offensive coordinator), 2nd year; Vladamir Caldera (linebackers/running backs), 3rd year; Efrain Nunez (offensive line/defensive line), 1st year; Derek Monkus (junior varsity), 3rd year.

Returning lettermen: 17

Returning all-CBC: Dylan Grogan, QB/LB, sr.; Thyler Monkus, RB/DB, sr.; Jose Garcia, OL/DL, sr.; Noe Sanchez, OL, sr.; Enoel Angel, TE, sr.; Hunter Barnes, OL, sr.; Justin Keeney, RB/DB, jr.; Trevor Shockman, OL, sr.; Abraham Gomez, OL/LB, sr.

Other seniors: Justin Shelby, TE; Jose Galarza, RB.

On offense: The Tigers deploy a run-heavy scheme behind a stout offensive line and a two tight end set. The Tigers ran for more than 3,000 yards last season, but have the ability to throw it as well with Dylan Grogan.

On defense: The adage 'bend, don't break' applies to the Stanfield defense, as they'll look to limit big plays and make teams earn their yards inside.

Salas' key to the season: "Stay healthy and be disciplined in doing our jobs."



Stanfield's Tyler Monkus rushes the ball in the in a game against Irrigon during Week 7 of the 2015 season.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

2015 results

Week 1	at Enterprise	W 42-0
Week 2	at T-C Prep (WA)	W 55-17
Week 3	vs. Grant Union	W 33-16
Week 4	vs. Imbler	W 46-26
Week 5	vs. Weston-McEwen	W 19-14
Week 6	at Irrigon	W 49-41
Week 7	vs. Heppner	L 60-6
Week 8	at Pilot Rock	W 62-6
Week 9	vs. Culver	W 41-26
1st Rnd	at Vernonia	W 56-26
2nd Rnd	at Central Linn	W 27-26
Semifinals	vs. Kennedy	L 34-20

2016 Schedule

Sept. 2	vs. Enterprise	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Cascade (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Grant Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs. Regis	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Culver*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Weston-McEwen*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	at La Center (WA)	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Heppner*	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	vs. Pilot Rock*	7 p.m.

*-league game

Weston-McEwen

Head coach: Travis Glover, 1st year (6th overall)

Assistant coaches: Robert Maib, 1st year; Tim Reger, 3rd year; Ryan Delph, 2nd year; Mark Youncs, 2nd year; Tony Glover, 9th year; Ben Maney, 3rd.

Returning lettermen: 16
Returning All-CBC: Ethan Reger, RB, sr.; Hunter Sater, OL, sr.; Brett Speed, QB, jr.

Other returning starters: Jordan Runnels, OL, sr.; Weston Phillips, DL, so.

Other seniors: James West
On offense: The TigerScots will be a run-first, second and third team under Glover and will be well suited for it with returners in the backfield and along the line. The TigerScots' 292 points was fourth in the CBC last season.

On defense: The TigerScots had the second-ranked defense in Class 2A in 2015, but graduated five starters with most of those coming at linebacker and defensive back. Glover said keeping the unit's aggression level high will be his focus.

Glover's key to the season: "Start and finish the season healthy."

2015 Results

Week 1	vs Grant Union	L 34-32
Week 2	at Imbler	W 52-14
Week 3	at Waitsburg (WA)	W 27-13
Week 4	vs Mac-Hi	W 37-6
Week 5	at Stanfield*	L 19-14
Week 6	vs Pilot Rock*	W 57-0
Week 7	vs Irrigon*	W 37-12
Week 8	at Culver*	W 36-6
Week 9	vs Heppner*	L 20-0
1st Round	at Reedsport	L 14-0

2016 Schedule

Sept. 2	at Grant Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs Imbler	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Burns	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Heppner*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs Stanfield*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Pilot Rock*	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	vs Culver*	7 p.m.

*-League game



Weston-McEwen quarterback Brett Speed takes off on a quarterback keeper during a game in Athena against Irrigon in Week 7 of the 2015 season. Speed is one of just four returning starters on offense for the TigerScots.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pilot Rock Rockets

Head coach: Michael Baleztena, 1st year (3rd overall)

Assistant coaches: Joe Byrnes, 2nd year; James Price, 3rd year; Shane Munkers, 1st year.

Returning lettermen: 15

Returning All-CBC: Braydon Postma, OT/DE, sr.; Devin Hasher, RB/DE, sr.; Chris Weinke, QB/WR/DB, sr.

Other returning starters: Cody Watson, WR/DB, sr.; Wes Purcell, C/LB, sr.; Anthony Matamoros, OG/LB, sr.; Kyler Carter, WR/DB, sr.; Wilbur Oatman, WR/DB, sr.; Tayler Hendrickson, OT/DT, jr.; Deven Barkley, OG/NT, so.

On offense: Only three teams scored fewer than Pilot Rock's 113 points in 2015, and none of them were in the CBC. Pilot Rock lost a few playmakers to graduation, but returns an experienced offensive line and a couple all-league players at the skill positions.

On defense: Statistically the Rockets were at the bottom of the 2A barrel last season with 393 points allowed,

but return a lot of players that gained valuable experience and a pair of all-league athletes at defensive end.

Baleztena's key to the season: "Develop solid fundamentals."

2015 Results

Week 1	Bye	
Week 2	vs Umatilla	L 14-6
Week 3	at Union	L 44-26
Week 4	at Grant Union	L forfeit
Week 5	vs Heppner*	L 52-19
Week 6	at Weston-McEwen*	L 57-0
Week 7	vs Culver*	L 34-20
Week 8	vs Stanfield*	L 62-6
Week 9	at Irrigon*	L 56-14

2016 Schedule

Sept. 2	at Imbler	2 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Umatilla	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Enterprise	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Heppner*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs Weston-McEwen*	7 p.m.
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